

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
February 14, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on February 14, 2011 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Lane, R.N., B.S.N., Chairperson
Evelyn Lindsay, L.P.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director
Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director (joined later)

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist
Tomeka Dowling, R.N., M.S., Nursing Education Consultant (joined later)

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Nadyne Tharnish, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-144062**
Ms. Tharnish appeared, accompanied by her husband, John Tharnish.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tharnish. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:43 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Nadyne Tharnish to practice as a professional nurse and issue an unrestricted, multistate privilege license.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Tharnish unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Tharnish within such time. If service of the order is made by

mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Michelle L. Smith, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-208822

Ms. Smith appeared, accompanied by her boyfriend.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:04 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:14 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an Order to reinstate the license of Michelle Smith to practice as a professional nurse and issue an unrestricted license.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Smith unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Smith within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Amanda Manss, C.N.A. 1401-105841; R.M.A. 0031-003171

Ms. Manss did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:22 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Manss. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:30 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Amanda Manss.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Manss unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Manss within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Dr. Saxby joined the meeting.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Sunny D. Arnold, L.P.N. Applicant
Ms. Arnold appeared, accompanied by her husband and daughter.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Arnold. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn, Dr. Saxby and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:07 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to approve Sunny Arnold's application to take the NCLEX-PN examination contingent upon successful completion of 95 Board approved precepted clinical hours.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Arnold unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Arnold within such time. If service of the order is made by

mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Dr. Saxby left the meeting.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Lisa Barker, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-128589

Ms. Barker appeared, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Myers.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:03 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barker. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:20 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Lisa Barker to practice as a professional nurse and issue a valid in Virginia only license and further place Ms. Barker on probation for one year of employment as a professional nurse.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Barker unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barker within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Ms. Dowling joined the meeting

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Harmony Hochhalter, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. Hochhalter appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:17 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hochhalter. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed

meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:22 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to approve Harmony Hochhalter's application to take the NCLEX-PN examination contingent upon successful completion of 40 Board approved precepted clinical hours.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Hochhalter unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hochhalter within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Jacqueline Johnson, R.M.A. Applicant

Ms. Johnson did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:26 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Johnson. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:35 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to deny Jacqueline Johnson's application to take the registered medication aide examination.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Johnson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Johnson within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Juli Sumner, R.M.A. 0031-004500

Ms. Sumner did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sumner. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:15 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order of reprimand to Juli Sumner.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Sumner unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sumner within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Michelle Williams-Hughes, R.M.A. 0031-003264

Ms. Williams-Hughes did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Williams-Hughes. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Gaines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:30 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Michelle Williams-Hughes a consent order for indefinite suspension of her medication aide registration

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Williams-Hughes and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director